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1. In early November 1950 Peiping authorities ordered that air raid shelters and fire control installations in the Peiping area be checked for needed repairs or reinforcements.
2. In early November a state-operated department store in Peiping ordered 100,000 military blankets from Shanghai textile companies to be delivered to Peiping before the end of November.
3. The order of 11 November freezing all bank deposits in China included the funds of the Central Railroad Bureau.
4. In early November the Central Government requested the Central and South China District to set aside 18,000,000 catties of rice for North China, and 500,000 for Northwest China. Part was shipped to the Hankow area by mid-November for further distribution.
5. Between 1 and 15 October, 15,000,000 piculs of rice were sent to Hankow by the Hunan Food Bureau for forwarding by the Peiping-Tientsin railroad to Manchuria. In early November the price of rice in Hunan rose from 80,000 jenminp'iao (JMP) to 13,000 JMP per picul.

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